Commandeering of Motor Buses.

39. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that the motor buses plying for hire from Trichur have been commandeered by the Police for the use of the Commissioner of Police on the occasion of the marriage of his daughter in Edavam last;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether the Government has taken any action in the matter?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) No answer is necessary.

40. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether all the buses timed to start from Trichur have started on all days from 3rd Edavam 1103 to 8th Edavam (both days inclusive) according to the time granted to them;

(b) if the answer is in the negative, how many buses have failed to do so and the reasons for their failure to do same?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) The information asked for is not available as the Police are required only to see that buses shall not run except in accordance with the timings specified in the permit.

(b) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Voting of Demands for Grants.

Demand No. XIII.—General Administration—Rs. 60,591.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Sir, I rise to move for a total grant of Rs. 60,548 under "XIII.—General. Administration". The details of the demand are:—

(1) Huzur Secretariat—Establishment, Travelling Allowance—Supplies and Services and Contingencies .... Rs. 48,839

(2) Legislative Council .... Rs. 11,709.

There are not many details requiring explanation. The small variations have been explained by the Finance Member in his memorandum and his budget speech. The Central Record Superintendent retired in the course of the current year. The post is however kept vacant pending orders on the report of the Special Finance Committee. Provision is made only for 2 clerks, a typist and two peons. A provision of Rs. 1,375 is made for a special clerk on Rs. 100 and a typist on Rs. 25. This staff is proposed to be entertained early next year for compiling a record of administration from the papers in the possession of His Highness Raja Sri Sir Rama Varma

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